

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Lesson ID: 80280-75294

Title: MOUNTAINEERING TRAINING FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND
SURVEILLANCE (R&S) TEAMS

Operation/Exercise Name: PROVIDE COMFORT

Observed: 28 Jul 1991

Originator: BLT 2/8 S-2

POC: CAPT OWEN

Commercial:

DSN:

5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Reconnaissance and Surveillance (R&S) teams
need to possess adequate mountaineering skills.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

The rugged terrain of northern Iraq clearly
demonstrated the need for R&S teams to be trained in
mountaineering skills. Since the enemy threat was negligible
except for land mines, insert Helicopter Landing Zones (HLZ's)
were close to the objectives, eliminating long movements. Had
there been actual combat operations and the need for longer
movements, mountaineering skills would have been required.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

None.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Reconnaissance and Scout Sniper units
need regular quotas to the Mountain Warfare Training Center to
attend the Mountain Leaders Course.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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